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SUBJECT: PRP CASE RAISED WITH FONMQN

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1. DURING APRIL 9 CALL ON FONMIN KIM TONG-CHO TO DISCUSS ANOTHER MATTER I RAISED CONCERN ABOUT EXECUTION OF EIGHT PRP PRISONERS. I POINTED OUT MY ANTICIPATION THAT THIS MOVE WOULD BRING AN EXTREMELY NEGATIVE REACTION IN THE US CONGRESS AND AMONG THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AT A TIME WHEN A REASSERTION OF THE US COMMITMENT TO KOREA WAS SO IMPORTANT. I TOLD KIM THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE AND UNWISE FOR THE ROKG TO ACT AS IF IT WERE WRITING OFF THIS COMMITMENT. I WARNED HIM OF POSSIBILITY THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ISSUE A FAIRLY STRONG STATEMENT REGRETTING THE EXECUTIONS.

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